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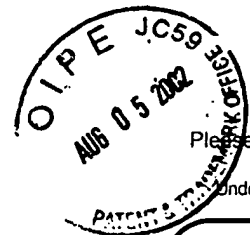
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1. A method for proactively maintaining a telephone system local loop, the method
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communicating with a communications network and acquiring status information associated with
a Digital Loop Carrier; and
automatically predicting proactive maintenance based upon the status information.

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13. (amended) A method for proactively maintaining a telephone system local loop, the method
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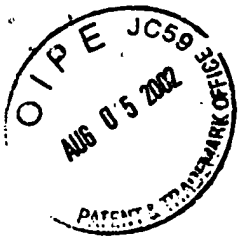
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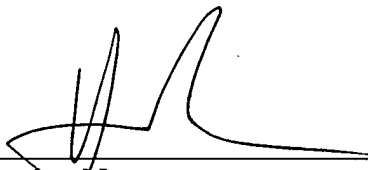
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